(c) the strategic areas and establishments in India which face higher threat perception of nuclear attack?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Appropriate measure have been instituted to ensure that a strong defensive system exists in the country.

(b) With regard to awareness for public guidelines to manage the consequences of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) attack, instructions have been issued to all States by the Union Government in December 2001.

(c) Threat to strategic areas and establishment are constantly reviewed and updated depending upon the threat perception.

Employment security

†*213. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the job security of the employees is under threat due to flexible attitude being adopted by the Government, with regard to labour matters;

(b) whether it is a fact that an anarchical situation can develop as a result of tussle between labour and capitalism due to non implementation of labour laws in Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would consider to fulfil the basic needs of the workers to be employed in such Special Economic Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Review/updation of labour laws, which, *inter-alia*, govern working conditions, is a continuous process in order to bring them in tune with the emerging needs of the economy. It is undertaken in consultation with all stakeholders.

(b) to (d) Workers employed in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are entitled to various benefits like minimum wages, social security etc. like other workers as the Labour Acts are applicable to the SEZs. The

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implementation of these laws is secured by the implementing machineries of the respective Governments.

Crime against women

*214. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts the Ministry is making, in coordination with the States and local bodies, to reduce offences against women looking at the latest National Crime Records Bureau Report;

(b) whether it is a fact that many crimes are not reported due to various factors and the social status of women in the society;

(c) whether any statistics with regard to crime have been prepared particularly against *dalit* and lower strata of women during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As per Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects and, as such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Governments. The Union Government, however attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crimes against women and therefore, from time to time, keeping in view the crime statistics compiled by National Crime Records Bureau has issued advisories to the State Government and UT Administrations to give more focused attention to the administration of criminal justice system with special emphases on prevention and control of crimes against women within their jurisdiction.

Through such advisories, the State Governments have been requested to undertake a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of the machinery in tackling crimes against women and to take appropriate measures aimed at increasing the responsiveness of the law and order machinery. They have been advised that there should be no delay whatsoever in registration of FIRs and all out efforts should be made to apprehend the accused named in the FIR, cases should be thoroughly investigated and charge-